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- 1. Between 21 and 25 September 1953, approximately 15 single-and twin-engined, propeller-driven aircraft were observed at Arkhangelsk-Keg Island (N 64-32, E 40-28) airfield. They were painted brown-gray and had clumsy (sic) shapes. There was a wooden pier along the scuthern side of the field where a tanker of approximately 800 tons dead weight was apparently discharging. A pipe line extended from the pier to the airfield. No fuel tanks were observed at the field; however, a sizeable number of apparently empty metal drums was observed. Soldiers wearing earth-brown uniforms were observed in a bivouac area and in an area just west of the airfield where they were engaged in digging protective positions.
- 2. Single-jet aircraft with swept-back wings and high tail units were observed over the town of Arkhangelsk every day between 21 and 25 September 1953. They usually flew in V-formations of threes and occasionally in squadron wedge formation, with the three wedges flying side by side. The flight discipline during formation flying was very good. The aircraft flew at altitudes from approximately 100 meters to such a height that only vapor trails were visible. The jet aircraft did not take off or land at the Arkhangelsk-Keg Island airfield.

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